



# MODOC COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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Lester Snow, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Snow:

I would like to take this opportunity to express some grave concerns of Modoc County Farm Bureau's view points regarding the Cal-Fed Bay-Delta Program.

Cal-Fed must return to its basic mission: coordinating a plan to assure reliable, high-quality water for California's people while addressing bay-delta environmental problems. The shocking size of Cal-Fed's proposed Solution Area, and the duplication of existing efforts, show dramatically how far Cal-Fed has overreached. At the same time, the agency has produced an amazingly long, complicated document which still manages to omit many key details, such as protection for areas of origin and retirement, that is, loss of farmland.

Our grandparents and great-grandparents had the foresight and the courage to develop an incredible water system for California. Its currently serving more people and uses than they ever envisioned it would, however, now its time for us to take the next step and further increase the State's water supply.

Farmers, industries and urban dwellers will continue improving efficiency of water use. But improved efficiency can't offset the huge increase in demand driven by California's rapidly increasing population. We must add to the total water supply to meet the water and food needs of our people.

Please keep in mind the solution is not to cut the pie into smaller pieces but to increase the size of the pie.

Sincerely,

Ned Coe  
President

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